

President's Report

Prairieaction Foundation has had a very busy year, in this our twelfth year of operation. We continue to work hard to fulfill our mandate of funding the tri-provincial RESOLVE network as well as our CARE grants program (Community, Action, Research and Education Grant Program). Prairieaction is a vital component in developing effective policies and programs that make a difference in our communities. Without the infrastructure support that the RESOLVE network receives from Prairieaction, much of the research that they do would not be possible. We rely heavily on the support of donors and volunteers and are very appreciative of all who support us in our campaign to stop the cycle of violence and abuse through research and education. Thank you for helping us achieve our mission.

Imagine a world where women and children can return home to a safe environment; a world where yelling and violence in any form (physical, sexual, emotional or other) is absent; a world where sleep is a restorative time not one of anxiety; a world where parents and children can positively work out their differences.

This is the world that the Prairieaction Foundation is working to create. As one of Canada's few foundations whose prime mandate is to focus on raising money to fund ground level research into the causes and solutions to violence and abuse, we exist to answer the question "How do we know if we are doing the right things if we don't know what works?" This year we granted a total of \$306,250 to help find those answers.

As a Board this year, we decided to examine where we are and where we want to go in the next five years. We studied the strong roots of the Foundation, reviewed our previous strategic plan and looked for ways to continue the legacy created by our founders while also keeping us vital and strong for many years to come. In June, a new strategic plan was completed. Some of the highlights of this plan include:

- Committing to increasing public awareness: both for the Foundation itself, but also for the work we support
- Funding the right research: ensuring that the research that we are supporting is current with the needs of the communities it assists

Effective dissemination of results: finding creative ways to get funded research results into the hands of people that can create change. The activities of Prairieaction can only be achieved with the support of a strong Board of Directors. I would like to thank our 2010 Board for their efforts in seeing that our vision becomes a reality. This year we welcomed three new Board members: Marlene Bertrand and Karen Naylor, both from Winnipeg, and Lisa Broda from Regina. We said goodbye to John Duhault, Kevin Klein and Linda Thauberger-Smith. We also welcomed Dr. Raymond Currie to our Honourary Board of Directors. Dr. Currie spent ten years on our Board and continues to work tirelessly in the field advocating for our change. Everyone's hard work this year and in years past is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to recognize Dr. Leslie Tutty who retired from her position as RESOLVE Alberta's Academic Coordinator. Dr. Tutty is responsible for a great deal of important research and we are grateful for all of her contributions.

I am very excited to take on the leadership role of such a strong board and would like to thank everyone for their support and commitment to our mission of ending the cycle of violence and abuse.

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Kathy Ogryzlo
Vice Chair

Our Goal is to sustain a Prairie network that seeks Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse...

Prairieaction Foundation supported the RESOLVE Network by granting \$221,000 in 2010-11. This annual grant is allocated to the administration and operational costs of the research network. With the guarantee of sustainable funding, the RESOLVE network has been able to retain its senior researchers and staff who provide valuable history, consistency and knowledge. For every dollar that is donated to the RESOLVE network by the Foundation, RESOLVE reports that six dollars are generated from other grants.

RESOLVE (Research and Education for Solutions to Violence and Abuse) is a tri-provincial Prairie research network that seeks solutions to violence and abuse and is affiliated with seven universities in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta.

RESOLVE Highlights Submitted by Dr. Jane Ursel, Director

RESOLVE has had wonderful news this year with the award of a one million dollar, five year CURA grant for Dr. Mary Hampton's proposal "Rural and Northern Community Response to Intimate Partner Violence." This completes a funding cycle introduced by the major academic funding body, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). CURAs were first introduced in 1999 and, in 2000, Dr. Leslie Tutty, RESOLVE Alberta, received funding for our four year project, "Evaluating the Justice and Community Response to Family Violence in the Canadian Prairie Provinces" In 2004, Dr. Jane Ursel, RESOLVE Manitoba, received five year funding for the Healing Journey Project. Thus, over the eleven years that CURA grants were available, every application made by RESOLVE was successful. These grants have been extremely important because they fund regional projects involving academics and community partners in all three prairie centres, supporting our ongoing relationships with community agencies and policy makers. The CURA grants keep the RESOLVE research network vibrant and productive, ensuring we never lose sight of our local and regional commitments. Additionally, CURA grants have substantially increased our research funding, allowing RESOLVE to bring in six dollars in research grants or contracts for every dollar raised by the Prairieaction Foundation.

The 2011 Research Day was held in Manitoba with two keynote speakers. In the morning, Tomson Highway, a well known Canadian Aboriginal playwright and author, spoke about the Legacy of Residential Schools, to a full house. Our afternoon keynote speaker, Pauline Jackson, spoke about an innovative program in Manitoba for high risk repeat domestic violence offenders. We had 350 registrants, 25 presenters at four concurrent sessions and 12 social service agencies, with displays about their programs.

This year RESOLVE has faced a number of challenges. First, we lost our previous publisher, Cormorant Press, however, with some diligent inquiries we were successful in re-establishing our relationship with Fernwood Press and now look forward to the publication of a new RESOLVE book every second year. Our book series has been a very important means of disseminating our research findings to social service agencies and policy makers. We benefit greatly by PAF's funding for books included in the registration package at our Research Day each year. A second challenge we are working on is the hiring of a new Academic Co-ordinator to fill the large gap in our Alberta office with Leslie Tutty's retirement. Active recruitment is ongoing and we hope to have the RESOLVE Alberta Academic Coordinator position filled early in the New Year.

In addition to our extremely active regional research activities, all three RESOLVE offices are involved in a major international research proposal which was submitted to SSHRC this fall. This project, led by our colleague in New Brunswick, Dr. Carmen Gill, is titled "An International Collaborative Study of the Justice System's Response to Intimate Partner Violence." If successful, this proposal will continue our work with academics in Canada, Australia, the U.K. and the U.S.A., which began with the "Justice Observatory" in 2007.

Finally, despite an active national and international research agenda, RESOLVE continues to be very engaged in research for local agencies. Many of these projects are funded through Prairieaction Foundation CARE grants. This year, RESOLVE partnered with five community agencies on successful CARE grant proposals.

Community Action, Research and Education Grants Program (CARE)

Our goal is to support community and academic partnerships that focus on community-based research...

Prairieaction Foundation supported nine organizations and projects that focus on community-based research by granting \$85,250 in 2011. The CARE Grants program furthers Prairieaction's objective of providing funds to registered charities for educational research into solutions to family violence and abuse. The program's goal is to provide research funding for grassroots, community based organizations and projects that are developing potential models and methods to ultimately eliminate the issues, impacts and outcomes of family violence and abuse.

The essence of this program is to provide financial support to front-line social service agencies and other non-profit organizations for research that will help demonstrate the outcomes and impact of a specific program or approach in identifying solutions to violence and/or abuse. Prairieaction Foundation is pleased to be able to support the following CARE recipients:

Calgary Counseling Centre

Calgary, AB

\$10,000

The Impact of Motivational Interviewing on Abusers' Readiness for Change

The goal of this research is to assess the impact of Probation's implementation of MI on abusive men's readiness to make changes in their abusive or violent behaviour. This research will demonstrate the impact of MI as a pre-treatment strategy to help reduce violence and/or abuse.

Calgary Women's Emergency Shelter Association

Calgary, AB

\$10,000

Examining the Challenges of Accessing Family Violence Services for Women Without Children

This project will seek to identify the challenges women without children, who are fleeing abusive relationships, encounter in their search for shelter and other resources, and the services and support they believe are required to meet their needs. By understanding these challenges and opportunities, the Association will develop appropriate and useful services and supports to better meet the needs of these clients, to help them live free from family violence.

Laurel Centre

Winnipeg, MB

\$7,620

First Steps in Program Model Development: The Impact of Child Sexual Abuse on Males

The project is intended to develop a programming model for men who have experienced childhood sexual abuse. Laurel Centre will conduct a literature review of the experience and effects of child sexual abuse on males as well as conduct interviews and/or focus groups with men affected by CSA. From these sources a report will be produced that includes a list of prominent themes, activities, and processes that should be addressed in men's childhood sexual abuse programming.

Nor'West Co-op Community Health Centre
Winnipeg, MB
\$7,830

Interrupting the Cycle of Family Violence through Teaching Positive Discipline: Evaluating a Training-of-Trainers Program

This project will assess the training-of- trainers program in Positive Discipline to determine its effectiveness as a method of disseminating information about non-violent parenting. The Centre will work with program developer Dr. Joan Durrant, who created the program in collaboration with Save the Children in Southeast Asia. The program aims to reduce physical punishment by educating parents about child development and enhancing their skills in using non-violent discipline.

Provincial Association of Transition Houses and Services of Saskatchewan
Regina, SK
\$10,000

Origins of Violence and Strategies for Change

The project will explore the root causes of violence and then incorporate learning into strategies for moving toward personal safety for women and creating non-violent communities. Information gathered will be used to address the needs of specific communities of women, as well as provide information on general rates of violence in Saskatchewan, Canada, and internationally. Once the research is complete a communication strategy will be developed and a *Campaign to Create Non-violent Communities* will be launched.

Rotary Restorative Action Program
Saskatoon, SK
\$10,000

Rotary Restorative Action Program Research Project

The University of Saskatchewan Applied Social Psychology Program Department of Psychology will conduct research to identify if RAP is reducing bullying, harassment, conflict and crime in schools. This research will identify how and why RAP is building citizenship and safety for youth.

Thompson Crisis Centre
Thompson, MB
\$6,000

Domestic Violence Prevention and Intervention in Northern Manitoba: Fostering Sustainable Capacity Building through Community Based Research

This research project will open dialogue with three First Nation communities who show signs of high levels of domestic violence in Northern Manitoba. The results will be used to create an action plan for outreach work.

West Central Crisis and Family Support Centre Inc.
Saskatoon, SK
\$8,800

Transition Housing for Women and Children of the West Central Saskatchewan Region Needs Assessment and Evaluation

The purpose of this project is to assess the need for a women's transitional house and stabilization for the rural area of west central Saskatchewan, run out of a Kindersley location.

YWCA of Calgary (Calgary, AB)
\$10,000

Application of the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) to Young Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

The purpose of this research is to examine whether there is a difference in the adaptive functioning of children exposed to domestic violence after receiving intervention techniques informed by NMT versus the YWCA Sheriff King Home's current psychoeducational play therapy based model. The research will inform the service delivery model of the YWCA/Sheriff King Home Children Exposed to Domestic Violence Group programs and be one of the first controlled experiments to investigate the application of this model to this population.

Regina Transition Women's Society

\$5,000

Data Cleaning and Data Code Book for the Health Questionnaires: "Healing Journey" SSHTC/CURA

The Legacy Fund

We continue to pride ourselves on consistently implementing effective and responsible fiscal management practices and policies...

The Legacy Fund is comprised of donations received by Prairieaction Foundation. The endowment is managed by RBC Dominion Securities under the direction of the Foundation's Finance and Investment Committee.

Prairieaction Foundation would like to thank Dave Simpson at RBC Dominion Securities for his work in managing our Endowment Fund.

Prairieaction Foundation's Board of Directors volunteer their time to ensure the Foundation's organizational sustainability and strategic plan execution. We are very grateful for the contributions of each member of our Board of Directors.

Board of Directors

In November 2010 we welcomed the following new and returning Board of Directors:

- John Duhault, Chair
- Kathy Ogryzlo, Vice Chair, Treasurer, Finance and Investment Committee (Chair), CARE Grants Advisory Committee (Co-Chair)
- Mary Rose McGuire, Past Chair
- Marlene Bertrand
- Cynthia Brick
- Lisa Broda
- Mavis Clark, Communications Committee
- Kevin Klein
- Rod McKendrick
- Karen Naylor
- Linda Thauberger-Smith
- Heather Salloum

Outgoing Board Directors

Prairieaction wishes to extend our appreciation to the following outgoing Board members for their dedication and commitment to the Foundation:

- John Duhault
- Kevin Klein
- Linda Thauberger-Smith

Prairieaction Foundation Honourary Board of Directors

Prairieaction Foundation greatly appreciates the support it receives from the following distinguished members of its Honourary Board of Directors:

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Margaret Newall, L.L.D., C.M., Chair Emerita, Honourary Board of Directors

Honourary Board Members

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Ann Bishop - Project Coordinator, Saskatchewan
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